

Department of Urban Development Joseph E. Gray, Jr.

Director

## CITY OF PORTLAND

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The Atrium at Cedars Becky Oldis 640 Ocean Avenue Portland, Maine 04103

Dear Ms. Oldis,

This letter is written at your request to document the City's current public swimming pool policy. Installation of all pools is regulated by the 1996 BOCA code. Maintenance of public pools is governed by a general health ordinance. It does not specifically regulate pools but does require the City to address any situations, which is deemed by the Health Officer to be dangerous or unhealthy.

For example: Unsanitary conditions at a pool, excessive or inadequate chemical treatments.

It should be remembered that there may be a City ordinance change in the future, which would directly regulate public pools. The State of Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Public Health should also be contacted since there is a proposed public pool ordinance in the works.

Sincerely,

Arthur Rowe, Code Enforcement Officer City of Portland

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